UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 1 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 2 3 4 ROSENBAUM, et al., Case No.: 2:24-cv-00103-GMN-MDC 5 Plaintiffs, VS. 6 7 PERMIAN RESOURCES CORP., et al., 8 Defendants. 9 10 ANDREW CAPLEN INSTALLATIONS, Case No.: 2:24-cv-00150-APG-DJA LLC, et al., 11 Plaintiffs, 12 VS. 13 PERMIAN RESOURCES CORP., et al., 14 Defendants. 15 Case No.: 2:24-cv-00164-GMN-NJK THESE PAWS WERE MADE FOR 16 WALKIN' LLC, et al., 17 Plaintiff, 18 VS. 19 PERMIAN RESOURCES CORP., et al., 20 Defendants. 21 **Order Consolidating Actions** 22 23 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a) and Local Rule 42-1, the Court hereby consolidates Rosenbaum et al. v. Permian Resources Corp., et al., No. 2:24-cv-00103-GMN-24 MDC, Andrew Caplen Installations LLC, et al. v. Permian Resources Corp., et al., No. 2:24-25

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cv-00150-APG-DJA, and These Paws Were Made for Walkin' LLC, et al., v. Permian Resources Corp., et al., No. 2:24-cv-00164-GMN-NJK.

These matters come before the Court pursuant to Plaintiffs' Notice of Related Cases filed in each case. ECF Nos. 10, 10, and 5, respectively.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a) governs the consolidation of separate actions. When two cases "involve a common question of law or fact," district courts may join them for any or all matters at issue, consolidate the suits, or issue any other order that would prevent unnecessary cost or delay. *Id.* The threshold question is whether the cases involve common questions of law or fact. *Id.* If common questions exist, the court must balance the savings of time and effort that consolidation will yield against any inconvenience, delay, confusion, or prejudice that may result. Huene v. United States, 743 F.2d 703, 704 (9th Cir. 1984). "District courts enjoy substantial discretion in deciding whether and to what extent to consolidate cases." Hall v. Hall, 138 S. Ct. 1118, 1131 (2018). A court may consolidate actions sua sponte, or on its own. See In re Adams Apple, Inc., 829 F.2d 1484, 1487 (9th Cir. 1987) ("[C]onsolidation is within the broad discretion of the district court . . . and trial courts may consolidate cases *sua sponte*").

Here, the Court agrees with Plaintiffs that these three cases involve several shared questions of law and fact. The same defendants are named in all cases and the claims are made by related putative class members (consumers). All three cases assert the same forty-six claims. And the cases share a common question of law—whether the defendants engaged in a conspiracy to coordinate, and ultimately constrain, domestic shale oil production in violation of federal and state antitrust laws. As these cases are at a similar stage, there is no basis to find that consolidation would cause inconvenience, delay, or expense. Because the Court finds that consolidation is merited and will conserve judicial and litigation resources, it consolidates these cases for all purposes under the earlier-filed action pursuant to Local Rule 42-1(b). See Local

1	Rule 42-1(b) (dictating that consolidated cases "will be transferred to the judge whom the
2	earliest-filed action is assigned").
3	Accordingly,
4	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that these actions are consolidated for all purposes under
5	Case No. 2:24-cv-00103-GMN-MDC, before District Judge Gloria Navarro and Magistrate
6	Judge Maximiliano Couvillier.
7	The Clerk of Court is directed to TRANSFER Case No. 2:24-cv-00150-APG-DJA and
8	No. 2:24-cv-00164-GMN-NJK and close them after consolidation. The parties are directed to
9	make all future filings only in Case No. 2:24-cv-00103-GMN-MDC.
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